

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of US Ser. No. 09/742,901, filed December 21, 2000, which is a CIP of invention is related to German Patent Application No. 199 63 518.8, filed December 28, 1999, and US Ser. No. \_\_\_\_\_09/739,046, filed December 18, 2000, entitled "Handling aid for a tampon for feminine hygiene" (Atty Docket J&J-1798), now abandoned, which is based on German Patent Application No. 199 63 518.8, filed December 28, 1999, the disclosures of which are herein incorporated by reference.